HB 996 -- PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT PLAN

SPONSOR: Rhoads

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill clarifies provisions related to public pension forfeiture when a felonious act is committed in direct connection with or directly related to the participant's duties. The employer is required to notify the appropriate retirement system and provide information in connection with the felony charge or conviction.

This bill is similar to HB 1472 (2016) and HB 752 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies current law and it will require employers to notify the retirement system when an employee is convicted of a felonious act that is committed in direct connection with or directly related to the participant's duties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rhoads and the MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.